

BRIAN + COURTNEY

our journey to adoption

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about us

We met in college when we were both college athletes. Our love of baseball has led us to visit different MLB stadiums around the country. We married in 2009 and have since had four children. Courtney has always loved children and has been a stay-at-home mom since our oldest was one. We homeschool our children and have loved the process and the community it has brought us. We enjoy spending time as a family exploring and adventuring. We frequently go on walks and ride bikes on local trails. We also greatly enjoy vacations together, so we try to take one big vacation a year. Our favorite vacations have been Yellowstone, Disney, and Niagara Falls. We also play piano and enjoy sports. Brian is an engineer. He enjoys his work and is thankful for the opportunities it gives. He loves to be involved in all the kids' activities and rarely misses an event.

our home

We live in a beautiful town in Indiana that has innumerable cultural and family-friendly activities. Our house is a four-bedroom home in a neighborhood full of kids who love to play together. We often refer to our house as Grand Central Station as we always have neighborhood friends playing. There are many nature trails in our area, where we enjoy riding bikes and walking. There are also countless fun parks we frequent when it is warmer outside. Our town is ranked as one of the top suburbs in the country and offers a wide variety of fun kid and family activities. There is also a fun German market with ice skating in the winter that we think is unique and exciting.

WHAT LED US TO ADOPTION

Already having four kids, we realize we aren't the typical couple seeking adoption. However, we love having a big family and are thrilled with the thought of adding another child. We believe we have more than enough room in our family and our hearts to welcome a new child and can't wait to have them join us on all our adventures. We have always discussed the potential of adoption, and our love for God and people has further solidified our resolve to adopt. Each person in our family is eager for the opportunity to love and be loved by another child.



OCCUPATION: Engineer/ operations manager

EDUCATION: Bachelor of Science

RACE: Caucasian

RELIGION: Christian

FOOD: Pizza

HOBBY: Playing with kids, sports, DIY projects

FAMILY TRADITION: Ice skating together at Christmastime
MUSICAL GROUP: Andrew Peterson
MOVIE: Gladiator
DREAM VACATION: Europe
HOLIDAY: Halloween
BOOK: The Case for Christ





OCCUPATION: Stay-at-home mom EDUCATION: Master of Business Administration

RACE: Caucasian

RELIGION: Christian

FOOD: Chocolate

HOBBY: Family games, DIY projects, outdoor activities

FAMILY TRADITION: Painting and carving pumpkins
MUSICAL GROUP: David Crowder
MOVIE: Marvel movies
DREAM VACATION: Spain
HOLIDAY: Christmas

BOOK: The Reason for God



We are both exceptionally close to our extended family. Brian's family has often been told how unique they are; everyone is extremely close and spends a lot of time together. It's not uncommon to have a weekday gathering of about 30 family members. Brian and his two sisters spent countless hours with their cousins growing up, and they are all still close today. Now that families have grown, family gatherings can be very large, as you may see in the pictures. One thing we both love about Brian's family is how accepting and loving they are. Even in huge gatherings, everyone feels welcomed, loved, and included.

Courtney's family is also large and welcoming. Her father passed away this year, but she remains close to her mom, sister, and extended family. Family history is very valuable to Courtney's mom as her family owns a farm that recently celebrated over 200 years of operation! We enjoy exploring the farm together and learning about our family history.

We love having extended family to love and support. We know if we ever needed anything, we'd instantly have 30 people at our doorstep. This support has helped us tremendously as we have developed our own family.



DEAR

It's hard to find words knowing you are going through possibly one of the hardest times of your life. While we approach this with excitement and anticipation, we would imagine you have a lot more taxing emotions. So we approach this knowing we can't possibly speak to your feelings, but we will do our best to express ours.

We want to support you. You will always be important in your child's life. Should you allow us, we will seek to honor you, share stories of you, and include you. We truly have been praying for you and your child for years, not yet knowing your names but knowing one day our paths will cross.

We would expect it would be easy to look at our family of six and perhaps conclude it's too much to add another. We want to affirm that this is far from the truth. Our household is full of a lot of activity, but we wholeheartedly believe we have more than enough time, energy, money, and room in our hearts to add another child to our family. We believe big families are a tremendous blessing and would love for your child to join ours.

We promise to love your child with the same passion and commitment we have with our other four, give them opportunities for education and travel, and bring them along on an adventure full of love, laughter, and life-long support. Thank you for considering our family.

Love,

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